

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (canceled)

2. (original) The flue gas washer according to claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the droplet separator ~~packets~~ packs ~~[[(15)]]~~ have reinforced end portions for the arrangement of the support ~~ing construction~~ structure ~~[[(7)]]~~.

3. (original) The flue gas washer according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the reinforced end portions ~~[[(6)]]~~ are formed in a box-like manner.

4. (previously presented) The flue gas washer according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the reinforced end portions ~~[[(6)]]~~ are penetrated by at least one rod-like ~~supporting member~~ post ~~[[(9)]]~~.

5. (original) The flue gas washer according to claim 4, 5 characterized in that a plurality of rod-like ~~supporting member~~ posts ~~[[(9)]]~~ are connected with one another by a spray pipe carrying element ~~[[(10)]]~~.

6. (previously presented) The flue gas washer according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rod-like ~~supporting~~

~~member posts~~ [[9]] consist of several parts and have a connection point outside of the reinforced end portions [[6]].

7. (previously presented) The flue gas washer according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein one rod-like ~~supporting member post~~ [[9]] or a plurality thereof extend upwardly and downwardly from the reinforced end portion [[6]].

8. (previously presented) The flue gas washer according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a rod-like ~~supporting member post~~ [[9]] is insertable into a reinforced end portion [[6]].

9. (original) The flue gas washer according to claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the support ing construction structure is formed by ~~supporting member posts~~ [[16]] which are disposed between adjacent droplet separator ~~packets~~ packs [[15]], respectively.

10. (original) The flue gas washer according to claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ~~supporting member posts~~ [[16]] are connected to the separator ~~packets~~ packs [[15]] through flange connections [[18]].

11. (previously presented) The flue gas washer according to claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ~~supporting member posts~~ posts ~~[(16)]~~ carry the spray pipes ~~[(8)]~~ directly.

12. (previously presented) A support ~~ing construction~~ structure ~~[(7)]~~ for use in a flue gas washer ~~[(1)]~~ according to claim 1.

1 13. (new) In a flue-gas washer having horizontally
2 spaced supports, an assembly comprising:

3 a horizontally extending droplet-separator pack having
4 ends bearing on the supports;

5 posts fixed in and extending upward and downward from the
6 pack inward of the supports and forming clear access passages above
7 the supports between the posts; and

8 horizontal spray pipes supported on the posts above and
9 below the packs.

1 14. (new) The assembly defined in claim 13 wherein each
2 such pack has a pair of the posts extending upward and a pair of
3 the posts extending downward and each pair of posts carries a
4 respective one of the horizontal spray pipes.

1 15. (new) The assembly defined in claim 13 wherein the
2 posts are rods fixed to the pack.

1 16. (new) The assembly defined in claim 13 wherein the
2 pack ends are reinforced and box-shaped.

1 17. (new) The assembly defined in claim 13 wherein each
2 upper post is aligned vertically with and formed unitarily with the
3 respective lower post from a single vertical rod centrally fixed in
4 the respective pack end.

1 18. (new) The assembly defined in claim 13 wherein each
2 pack is formed by a plurality of generally vertically extending and
3 horizontally spaced lamellae.

1 19. (new) The assembly defined in claim 13 wherein each
2 post has an inner end fixed to the respective pack end and an
3 opposite outer end, the assembly further comprising:
4 respective carrying elements on the outer ends holding
5 the spray pipes.